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COMMENT OF ON SUMMER INTERNE PROGRAM

At the outset, I should first apologize for the tardiness of this report; perhaps it shows how familiar I have become with one of the main problems facing any analyst, that is, the pile-up of priority matters, each one demanding equally immediate attention. The recent absence through injury of the branch chief, combined with the office's normal vacation cycle have put great quantities of material in my in-basket, and made retrospect a sometimes frame of mind. Contrary to my expectations, my summer has been a busy one.

My comments on the program itself are few, and were largely brought out at this morning's meeting with Mr. Wattles and 25X1
More introductory literature with a greater slant toward the applicant, and a one-day "cram" briefing on the workings of the Agency would be valuable to prospective internes. On the whole, however, I was entirely satisfied with the administration and provisions of the summer program. To my knowledge, the program featured no deficiencies that are not inherent in any introduction to new work in a complex organization where "temporary" employment is much the exception. Confusion about structure and function was progressively clarified by the excellent series of briefings arranged by 25X1

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My reception in the Soviet internal affairs section of OGI/
Europe has been more than cordial, and entirely professional. I am much
indebted to every single member of the branch; [REDACTED]

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25X1 [REDACTED] and the branch chief [REDACTED] have each

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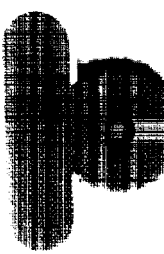
25X1 been more than kind to an interne only vaguely capable of contributing to
the work in which they are so ably engaged. It is an understatement to say
~~that I am~~ that I am impressed with their obviously top-flight performance
under all conditions and deadlines. It has also been my great pleasure to
work directly with [REDACTED] in the course of re-drafting the memor-
andum that has occupied me for the greater part of six weeks. His comments
have been invaluable, and I hope to submit a finished product to him that
will meet his approval. Although ~~known~~ [REDACTED] was absent for
the greater portion of my stay, I am deeply appreciative to him for his
attention upon my arrival in SRI.

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25X1 In sum, I have greatly appreciated this summer's opportunity
to participate in the actual operations of the Agency from behind an analyst's
desk. I cannot begin to describe what I have learned about the fundamentals
of study of the Soviet Union. I have gained valuable perspective on my
own future career, as well as on the role of intelligence ~~in~~ in the national
security.

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